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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Maury Audet

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-26, 31-33, 35 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 31 and 36 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-26 and 35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

Applicant's amendments and arguments in the response of 10/06/2004 are acknowledged. It is noted at the outset that claim 34, a cancelled claim (see claims filed 07/21/03), was inadvertently put back into the claim set (see claims filed 09/08/2004). It is noted that the Restriction Office Action of 08/19/2003 was sent out based on the claims filed 07/21/03, and claim 34 is thus not listed in either Group I or Group II. The Examiner did inadvertently acknowledge this claim on the "cover sheet"/opening of the Office Action mailed 03/24/2004, but clearly did not examine this cancelled claim as it was neither rejected or allowed in the substantive action. Please note it is improper to add a claim having a claim number of a previously cancelled claim. Applicant is required to once again cancel claim 34 in response to this action.

Claims 31 and 36 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected Group II, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Claims 20-26 and 32-33, and 35 (Group I) are examined on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

The rejection of claims 32-33 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant

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regards as the invention, is maintained for the reasons of record. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered, but are not found persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-26 and 35 are allowable over the prior art, based on the most recent search. The prior art of record does not teach nor reasonably suggest a conjugate consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 2-4, or 9-10; or method of treating a cardiovascular disease using such a conjugate. It is suggested that claims 32-33 be cancelled by amendment to put the claims in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, off Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached at 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

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